

BATTLE BEAST

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CIRCUS OF DOOM

Music by Janne Björkroth

Lyrics by Elise Widemark

The lions are hungry
and filled with rage
afraid and angry
locked in a cage

The circus is coming to town

Bright colours and string lights
shining in the heights
the sound of an old music box
a spooky melody that never stops

The circus is coming to town

Ashes to ashes
and dust to dust
Bread and circuses to masses
lust turning to disgust

In this circus of doom
marionettes are dancing
circus of doom
time passes and fades away
circus of doom
shadows keep on laughing

Whiplash and scream
one more broken dream
in silence they fall
tears of a clown

Acrobats are hanging
high in the air
forever, never landing
smiles upon despair

The circus is in the town

trying to reach the dreams
of some distant past
in this circus of extremes
where nothing can last

The circus is in the town

Ashes to ashes
and dust to dust
Bread and circuses to masses
lust turning to disgust

In this circus of doom
marionettes are dancing
circus of doom
time passes and fades away
circus of doom
shadows keep on laughing

Whiplash and scream
one more broken dream
in silence they fall
tears of a clown

What will remain
of a life spent underground
an echo of pain
fear that makes no sound

When the lights go down
When there's no one around

Wrapped in the absence
of it all
Trapped in silence
they fall

The silence descends
when the lights go down
far from home and friends
something hit the ground

Tears of a clown
When there's no one around

The circus has left the town.



NOORA LOUHIMO
VOCALS

WINGS OF LIGHT

Music by Eero Sipilä

Lyrics by Eero Sipilä

I stand alone and wonder why
Why did we come down where
all hope is dead or dying

Flames strike the ground
like crimson rain
Prayers to an open sky
won't drown out all the cries in vain

'Til you will come again

Take me back to the memory
Play me song and the melody
Praying for you to cover me
With your wings of light

Make me one with my enemy
Raise me up to the heavens
I'm waiting for you to come
And take me on your wings of light

Now as I gaze 'cross burning ground
How I lament the desolation
that surrounds me

Bow to the king that bears my crown
Howl of the wind shall haunt
these halls that must confine me now

Hear my heart crying out

Take me back to the memory
Play me song and the melody
Praying for you to cover me
With your wings of light

Make me one with my enemy
Raise me up to the heavens
I'm waiting for you to come
And take me on your wings of light



JANNE BJÖRKROTH
KEYS



EERO SIPILÄ
BASS

MASTER OF ILLUSION

Music by Janne Björkroth

Lyrics by Elise Widemark

Mirror, mirror on the wall
who's the greatest of them all?
I'm the master of illusion
welcome to my mad delusion

I'm the one who makes the rules
for the heroes and the fools
I can tear down angels from the sky
and make Mona Lisa cry

You can hear the weeping violins
long before the bitter end begins
You can see the strings and puppeteer
before the dusk will make them disappear

The game is over
No more rounds to play, it's time to pay
Who's got the joker?

The game is over
Who's got the joker
to kill the lies and make your heart recall
there's no other sky to fall

The dominoes of greed
are falling for your endless needs
You're the master of illusion
lost in your sad delusion

Every time you roll the dice
we're the ones who pay the price
While the oceans boil for your games
you just feed the flames

You can hear the weeping violins
long before the bitter end begins
You can see the strings and puppeteer
before the dusk will make them disappear

The game is over
No more rounds to play, it's time to pay
Who's got the joker?

The game is over
Who's got the joker
to kill the lies and make your heart recall
there's no other sky to fall

And you will ask:
"Which one am I?
Am I dead or still alive?"

Reflections of the real fade
The stranger in the mirror remains

Can you hear the weeping violins
and cut the strings before the end begins?

The game is over
No more rounds to play, it's time to pay
Who's got the joker?

The game is over
Who's got the joker?
We are the ones; we hold the cards
There's no other sky to fall

WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO FLY

Music by Janne Björkroth
Lyrics by Elise Widemark

The birds are flying low
the same old song is going on, and on
Way too many times
I've seen this same old
twisted pantomime

They say the darkest hours
are just before the dawn
that we must die to be reborn
I'm still alive, I'm ready for the pain
if I fall, I'll rise again

I spread my wings and
like the midnight sun
I will be rising
into the frozen heights
where stars are born
and where they die

I'm lighting up horizons
with thunder and lightning
through the darkest skies
where even angels fear to fly

It felt like the end
they hit the ceiling and they fell, and fell
The wind already blew
and the rays of light
were shining through

They say the darkest hours
are just before the dawn
that we must die to be reborn
I'm still alive, I'm ready for the pain
when I fall, I'll rise again

Through the glass ceiling
we will fly
The truth comes screaming
loud and high

Echoes of old lies will die

This is where my dreams begin
I feel the power from within

I spread my wings and
like the midnight sun
I will be rising
into the frozen heights
where stars are born
and where they die

I'm lighting up horizons
with thunder and lightning
through the darkest skies
where even angels fear to fly

EYE OF THE STORM

Music by Joona Björkroth
Lyrics by Joona Björkroth

The dark clouds are gathering
Chaos entwined
Thunder and lightning
I need shelter tonight

The edge of what I can endure
Been there, riding through the storm,
in the snow
Must go, flee before the fall
To the place, where I can feel the love
Through the cold

My heaven, the Eye of the Storm
The place I want to go
Serene and beautiful
My place to rest, my heart and soul
My heaven, the Eye of the Storm
Shrouded by the fog
Protected from the cold
Where its warm, where I'll endure

The light keeps on burning
As the storm rages on
It's time for hope and learning
A golden future unfolds

Enough, the past exists no more
The pain, the darkness in my soul,
finally gone
Carry on, escape the masquerade
Get away, before it's just too late
Break the chains

My heaven, the Eye of the Storm
The place I want to go
Serene and beautiful
My place to rest, my heart and soul
My heaven, the Eye of the Storm
Shrouded by the fog
Protected from the cold
Where its warm, where I'll endure

RUSSIAN ROULETTE

Music by Janne Björkroth
Lyrics by Elise Widemark

The room is filled with sin, would you let me in
tonight might be the night
As troubles disappear, the moon seems so near
beneath electric starlight

Don't you miss your shadow?
Don't you miss the ground?
You're hiding from tomorrow
as the wheel spins round and round

When your wings are burning
who keeps you from falling?

You fly higher
than your guardian angel
into the fire
dancing with danger

You place your bet with no regret
in this game of Russian Roulette

With nothing left to steal, nothing left to borrow
you're playing on devil's playground
looking for the end of the rainbow
there's nothing to be found

Don't you miss your shadow?
Don't you miss the ground?
You're hiding from tomorrow
as the wheel spins round and round

When your wings are burning
who keeps you from falling?

You fly higher
than your guardian angel
into the fire
dancing with danger

You place your bet with no regret
in this game of Russian Roulette

It's time to win and time to lose
time to kill the truth and change the rules
*so keep the dice rolling
until I wake up or die*

Come and play with me tonight
we are gamblers, you and I
*so keep the dice rolling
until I wake up or die*

It's not an angel on your shoulder
whispering in your ear
You hear the things you wanna hear

The wheel of darkness spins in the game
where no one ever wins
Could this be how the end begins?

You fly higher
than your guardian angel
into the fire
dancing with danger

You place your bet with no regret
in this game of Russian Roulette

FREEDOM

Music by Joona Björkroth
Lyrics by Joona Björkroth

Battles raging on and on and on
Through the flames and thunder we
will stand our ground
Brothers standing side by side in line
Free of fear and pain and doubt,
we stand tall

Freedom
Stay strong, it will be yours
Freedom
It's in your mind, embrace the call
Freedom
Your heart it will be pure
And you'll feel the urge for more
Metal for your soul

Kingdom
It will fall and soon be mine
I will break their will, their faith,
their soul, their hearts
Creators of the mighty Raven Ark
Stand strong and keep your faith,
they will fall

Freedom
Stay strong, it will be yours
Freedom
It's in your mind, embrace the call
Freedom
Your heart it will be pure
And you'll feel the urge for more
Blood and Thunder calls

THE ROAD TO AVALON

Music by Janne Björkroth
Lyrics by Elise Widemark

We drive through the mud
breaking the rules of gravity
We ain't brothers by blood
but the road makes us family

Doesn't matter what we search for
or what we might find
No matter who we were before
and what we leave behind

Yesterdays will fade away
and tomorrows are yet asleep
I tame the road and seize the day
My shadow is too slow for me

Through the years
and through the storms
wherever we will roam
freedom is my uniform
and you are my home

Where the road meets the sky
and wild winds blow high
this is where I belong
I'm on the road to Avalon

I've got ink on my skin
and fire in my soul
I've got a beast within
and dreams beyond control

Yesterdays will fade away
and tomorrows are yet asleep
I tame the road and seize the day
My shadow is too slow for me

Through the years
and through the storms
wherever we will roam
freedom is my uniform
and you are my home

Where the road meets the sky
and wild winds blow high
This is where I belong
I'm on the road to Avalon

Divine symphony of the streets
echoes in my heart
So, I will travel on
this is where I belong
Avalon

Through the years
and through the storms
wherever we will roam
freedom is my uniform
and you are my home

Where the road meets the sky
and wild winds blow high
This is where I belong
I'm on the road to Avalon



JUUSO SOINIO
GUITAR



JOONA BJÖRKROTH
GUITAR

ARMAGEDDON

Music by Joona Björkroth
Lyrics by Joona Björkroth

*Reach for the stars with the heart that you've
torn apart; patch it up and arise,
you're the Goddess of the Light,
blazing high, satisfied, riding through the skies*

This is your Armageddon

*A sacrifice
A reason for your endless pain
You're crucified
And nothing really matters
So powerful, it's over in a flash of light
You're craving for more
You've rattled up,
everything is so unclear,
obsessive patterns, the world keeps on spinning
Reality, the voices scream inside your head*

*I see the truth in your eyes, through the lies
Don't you hide it behind a disguise and a fake smile
You're mesmerised by the sights and the lights,
in the darkest of night, despite your own destruction
Reach for the stars with the heart that you've
torn apart, patch it up and arise,
you're the Goddess of the Light,
blazing high, satisfied, riding through the skies
This is your Armageddon*

*When years go by, you're standing in your castle high
All those dreams, feeling so surreal
You're so alone, with no one standing by your side
Welcome to the nightmare!
You beg for help, you scream, you shout, you're all alone,
no one wants to be even near you
It's time to fall, deep down to the darkest void
Are you ready to die?*

*I see the truth in your eyes, through the lies
don't you hide it behind a disguise and a fake smile
You're mesmerised by the sights and the lights,
in the darkest of night, despite your own destruction
Reach for the stars with the heart that you've
torn apart, patch it up and arise,
you're the Goddess of the Light,
blazing high, satisfied, riding through the skies
This is your Armageddon*

PLACE THAT WE CALL HOME

Music by Eero Sipilä

Lyrics by Eero Sipilä

In the times full of struggle and strife
In the land where the fires burn colder
Time after time you are struck
and you're beaten down

These are times when you know
You're on your own
No-one to stand by your shoulder
Go, turn your back to the cold, face the raging storm
And carry on

Into the world that was lost so far beyond
Ride the four winds and set your mind free to roam
Where the heart's good as golden
Where your spirit will lie
To the place that we call home

Have you stood in the first morning light?
Have you walked on the shores of the holy?
Few are the ones gone to sail o'er the flaming seas

Where the moon lights the day, the sun lights the night
The shine of the stars guides your journey
Shake loose the shackles that bind, claim your destiny
Just to be free

Into the world that was lost so far beyond
Ride the four winds and set your mind so free to roam
Where the heart's good as golden
Where your spirit will lie
To the place that we call home

To the place that we call home
Safe unto shelter
Away from the storm,
Some day we'll lay our burdens on those virgin shores
Where our sins cast no shadow
And our mind is our own
To the place that we call home

Into the world that was lost so far beyond
Ride the four winds and set your mind so free to roam
Where the heart's good as golden
Where your spirit will lie
To the place that we call home

To the place that we call home



PYRY VIKKI
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